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Docket No.: 1340P082

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

JOHN JOSEF HENCH, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/710,487

Filed: November 10, 2000

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE
PREDICTION AND OPTIMIZATION IN
IMPAIRED COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS**

Art Group: 2665

Examiner: Tran, Thien D.

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JAN 02 2003**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)** *Technology Center 2600*Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), the Applicants for the above-identified application respectfully Petition the Commissioner for a three (3) month extension of time, extending the period for response to December 18, 2002, from the Final Office Action dated June 18, 2002. A check for \$920.00 (petition filing fee) is attached.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

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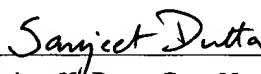
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Respectfully submitted,

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